

Officer Jackson was commended by the department for his leadership and enthusiasm to take on more responsibility and was recently awarded Employee of the Quarter for his excellent quality of work and service to the community.

Officer Jackson resided in Cle Elum and was known as a family man who volunteered often for community events and was always proud to show off his motorcycle to all the kids. He was an avid cyclist and previously worked at the ReCycle Bicycle Shop in Ellensburg. He is survived by his wife Kelsey and his two young children. Our community will miss him dearly, and I am so grateful for his lifelong service and dedication.

HONORING MR. ANSIL LEWIS,
FLORIDA'S THIRD CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT 2022 VETERAN
OF THE YEAR

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we honor Mr. Ansil Lewis as the 2022 Veteran of the Year.

Mr. Lewis served as a Sergeant Major in the United States Marine Corps from 1987 to 2017. While serving, he received the Bronze Star; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal. After years of military service, Mr. Lewis has continued to show his dedication to our community as the past Commandant of the Roy S. Geiger Marine Corps League Detachment 1047, a member of the board for Operation Bambas, and the President of the Veterans Council of Clay County.

We thank Mr. Lewis for his service and sacrifices for our Nation and hope that his volunteer spirit will continue for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 489 and YEA on Roll Call No. 501.

HONORING MEL ORPILLA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mel Orpilla in recognition of nearly a decade as an invaluable member of my district staff and his service to Vallejo's Filipino community.

Mr. Orpilla was born on September 6, 1961 at the Vallejo General Hospital to Nazario and

Fofelia Orpilla. After studying at California State University, Sacramento and San Francisco State University, he became the Executive Director of the Fighting Back Partnership in 1996. In this capacity, Mr. Orpilla played a major role in the fight against substance abuse in Vallejo, leading an anti-drug coalition, meeting with political leaders, and assisting with grant requests. In 2004, he joined Kaiser Permanente as a Community and Government Relations Manager and in 2013, joined our team as a district representative and was later promoted to a Senior District Representative for the Solano and Contra Costa portions of California's 5th District. He has successfully assisted over 975 constituents with a wide range of requests from government financial assistance to immigration.

Mr. Orpilla has made immeasurable contributions to Vallejo, and in particular its Filipino community. Over the course of more than 25 years, he has led countless workshops and speaking engagements on substance abuse, community support, and the challenges facing Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Northern California. Mr. Orpilla's passion for sharing the Filipino American story, led to him founding the Filipino American National Historical Society of Vallejo and writing his 2004 book *Filipinos in Vallejo*. He has served on the boards of the Salvation Army of Solano County, Rebuilding Together Solano County, the Filipino American National Historical Society and the Benicia Vallejo Humane Society. A descendant of the Cordilleras tribes in the Northern Philippines, Mr. Orpilla is an expert in the ancient Filipino fighting art Balintawak Arnis and teaches it at the Island Warriors Dojo in Vallejo. His heritage can also be seen on the various Ifugao warrior markings tattooed across his body.

Mr. Orpilla is a devoted husband to his wife Nancy, proud father of Jacob and Tony, stepfather to Justine and Gabe and loving caretaker of three dogs, Chiko, Boo-boo and Fatboy.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Orpilla for his dedication and hard work for the people of California's 5th District. His efforts to better his community, build coalitions and preserve proud Filipino traditions will undoubtedly be felt for decades to come. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING KITSAP COUNTY
COMMISSIONER EDWARD WOLFE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and Kitsap County Commissioner, Edward Wolfe. After 8 years of service in his role as County Commissioner, he is retiring.

Prior to serving as County Commissioner, he was a Kitsap attorney for 20 years, founding the litigation firm Wolfe Law Offices in 1997. He is a past president of the Kitsap County Bar Association and a former judge pro tem in county, municipal, and district courts.

Raised in Norfolk, Virginia, Commissioner Wolfe is a graduate of the George Mason University School of Law. He served in the U.S.

Army and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Ambassador and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in both the Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush administrations. Community service has long been a part of Commissioner Wolfe's career in Kitsap County. He has been a Bremerton Rotarian for 20 years and board member of the Bremerton Boys & Girls Club and Olympic College Foundation and is past president of the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association and Bremerton Chamber of Commerce.

Ed brought logic, rationality and reason to his discussions and negotiations in all of his responsibilities as county commissioner, fighting for what he thought was the right thing to do. He treated all people respectfully. He stopped to listen to his constituents, advocating for their needs with compassion and a commitment to community. And he worked collaboratively with other elected officials—serving as a productive partner on issue after issue.

Commissioner Wolfe has a long list of accomplishments during his tenure. He led the charge on the opening of the new Bucklin Hill Bridge in Silverdale and invited the Crista Shores residents to be the first to cross it. He was a partner in supporting the opening of a new state of the art hospital in Silverdale. He's been an advocate of funding for a new county courthouse to replace an aging and inadequate facility. Personally, I appreciated his long-time partnership as we worked to turn the dream of a new VA Clinic in Kitsap County into a reality. In addition, throughout the pandemic, Commissioner Wolfe pushed for proactive communication with the community about resources the County and Kitsap Public Health District were providing to support health and safety. He also ensured business needs were heard, proactively communicating local needs to Washington State's governor.

Commissioner Wolfe and his wife, Wendy, are looking forward to spending more time with family including their son Steven, grandson, Owen, and a granddaughter coming in late December.

Madam Speaker, beyond his many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for the partner that Ed Wolfe has been to the members of my team—and to me. I'm proud to call him a friend. Please join me in congratulating Ed Wolfe on his service to Kitsap County and the state of Washington. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVAL
SUBMARINE LEAGUE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the Naval Submarine League on their upcoming 40th Annual Symposium, and to thank them for their diligent work to support the men and women of the Silent Service.

The Naval Submarine League was founded in 1982 as a non-profit organization for civilians, as well as active-duty, reserve, and retired military members who remain passionate about the importance of submarines for national security. Members work to promote education, awareness, and research to increase

the practical usage of submarines in today's world.

As we mark the 40th year of the League's existence, we are reminded of the incredible devotion and commitment of our sailors who ply the waters of the globe.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate the Naval Submarine League on their accomplishments and efforts and join in celebration of their 40th symposium.

HONORING JUDGE JAMES WILLIAM HUFF

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge James William Huff, a native of Three Rivers, Texas who has served his community in a multitude of roles for over four decades.

While in school at Texas A&M University, Judge Huff worked as a substitute teacher at Bryan High School. After graduation, he started his career in criminal justice working in courtroom support for the Bexar County District Clerk Criminal Division. Judge Huff then ascended to the role of Patrol Sargent at the University Police Department. Later he served as a Patrol Deputy for Nueces County and then for the Live Oak County's Sheriff Department. In 1987, he was first elected to his current role as Live Oak County Judge, where he has served honorably for the last 36 years.

Judge Huff sits on a number of boards and committees that seek to make Live Oak County a better and safer place to live. He is Chairman of the Coastal Plains Community Center which provides mental health services to 9 counties. As chairman of the Dispute Resolution Services, he helps provide mediation services for 6 different counties. He also

serves as Chairman of the Three Rivers Economic Development Corporation, Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, and is a board member of the 36th Judicial District Juvenile Probation.

Judge Huff has also received numerous accolades for his leadership and service to South Texas. In 2017, Judge Huff received the Senator Rodney Ellis Award for Courtroom Excellence from the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He has also received the Texas Gideon Recognition Award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission which recognized Bee, McMullen, and Live Oak counties for the first regional approach to indigent defense by creating a 3-county public defender's office. Additionally, Judge Huff has been named Citizen of the Year in the cities of Three Rivers and George West.

Madam Speaker, Judge James Huff is an incredible leader with an unwavering commitment to justice and public service. His legacy will have a lasting impact on Live Oaks County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on H.R. 8876 as the vote closed before I reached the chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 500.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TIM O'KEEFE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Tim O'Keefe as he retires from his role as CEO of the Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) of Rossmore in Walnut Creek.

Tim's compassion and commitment to advocacy have been evident throughout his career. In 1994, he began working for Catholic Charities, serving as Associate Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer. In 2005, Tim stepped into the role of Executive Director at Shelter Inc., helping to provide housing solutions, family support, mental health care, and childcare services for families in need and working to prevent homelessness in the Bay Area. Thanks to Tim's leadership, Shelter Inc. was recognized as one of the top 10 homelessness service providers of the Bay Area. After nearly a decade with Shelter Inc., he stepped into the role of CEO of the Golden Rain Foundation, working on behalf of Rossmore residents.

In his position with GRF, Tim has spearheaded a variety of projects aimed at engaging Rossmore residents and allowing residents to thrive. Under Tim's leadership, GRF has successfully provided a wide range of programs and amenities to the Rossmore community. GRF maintains and provides recreational spaces within Rossmore, enabling residents to easily connect with other community members and promoting an active, healthy lifestyle within the community.

Tim's hard work and dedication have helped to transform the lives of countless Contra Costa and Bay Area residents. Please join me in congratulating Tim as he retires after nearly three decades of public service.